but did not. It will go over tomorrow but Papa says will not be there time for you to get it before Saturday ~~morning~~ morning

I enclose letter rec. from Lue, also one from Aunt Annie. I think Aunt Annie is feeling rather anxious about Uncle H. from what she said in letter to Aunt Jennie. He had attack of neuralgia and they went to Watertown for his benefit.

Sook did not seem to take kindly to the idea of having Chinamen visit here and waiting on them seemed rather put out about it. Perhaps it was only that he had so much to do.

Take good care of yourself my dear. Love to Rhoda.

Thursday eve

Dear M.

Ed goes down tomorrow to ep. and for once you can have a letter promptly. Things are much the same here as they have been except that Uncle grows more and more apathetic and utterly quiescent. Sam and two other chinamen came down to day to see him, he did not even shake hands with them. He lies so absolutely still and quiet, it is dreadful. Poor Auntie says if she could only talk with him about some things, she would give anything. Dr Allen does not give the least encouragement and says every time he comes he

need change for the worse.

We are very busy both in doors and out. Orders come in every day. Joe has to buckle down to steady hard work, and as for Papa he is so sinew poor man — that I have to exercise all my diplomacy and finesse to keep him placated. In the evening when we are attending to the orders Ed sits at the other end of the table and shakes with laughter over our rencounters. You can form some idea how busy he has been when I tell you he has actually let me copy orders, put bills into the book, and make out bills to be sent and has forgotten half the time to make fun of my writing !!

I have matched the papers for some satisfactory account of the present condition of the Whitcom girls but did not find much. If it should be duty for you to match, be sure and keep warm and eat something in the middle of the night, drink some tea or coffee. It will help to keep you from taking cold. You will need your very warmest clothes and wraps no matter how mild the night. But I hope you will not need to sit up as I think the present demands upon your strength are sufficient. Your lay is packed and should have gone over this evening